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## **Immediate Release**

# Lt. Governors Passes Resolution on Export Controls / ITAR – Supports HR 4246

The Aerospace States Association (ASA) conducted a hearing on March 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2253 of the Rayburn House Office Building to understand the issues surrounding export control / ITAR and developed a resolution to the Congress that will enhance U.S. aerospace industry competitiveness on behalf of the States.

ASA Chairman Vermont Lieutenant Governor Brian Dubie says, "U.S. export control policies were established in response to the Cold War and created as a means to keep critical U.S. weapons and military technology from getting into the hands of our enemies. While the Aerospace States Association highly regards and supports the U.S. Government's efforts to keep its citizens safe and free from threats, including the threat of terrorist activity, the country's export control policies have not been updated to keep pace with the economic and political realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. ASA's Resolutions tell the congress the concerns and recommendations from the States."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association hereby encourages all members of the United States Congress to take the aforementioned recommendations and conclusions into consideration in order to streamline U.S. Export Control policies to ensure that the U.S. aerospace industry remains vibrant and competitive in the global market by being able to seamlessly engage in international transactions, to inspire, attract and train the next generation of aerospace workers, and to facilitate technological innovation while at the same time supporting the country's national security objectives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association, considers H.R. 4246 to be a positive step in the long term process of U.S. export control reform and hereby calls all members of the United States Congress to urgently support H.R. 4246, the "Defense Trade Controls Performance Improvement Act of 2007;" and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aerospace States Association, hereby encourages Congress to consider including provisions in H.R. 4246, the "Defense Trade Controls Performance Improvement Act of 2007," to address the following:

- the US Congress should provide specific direction to the DOC and DOS to clarify the roles of each with respect to the implementation of the ITAR and EAR,
- limit the USML to those items that have only military value,
- allow industry and national labs to work together without the need for Technical Assistance Agreements,

- permit the re-export of foreign-made instruments that must be returned for repair or adjustment,
- give NASA an ITAR exemption similar to that of DOD's for Foreign Military Sales,
- reduce the time frames for Congressional notification which delays export control licensing, and
- improve and streamline statutes and regulations pertaining to deemed exports and the Fundamental Research Exclusion.

The following panel members testified before the Lt. Governors:

### Congressional Member

The Honorable Donald Manzullo, IL

## **Industry Panel**

The Honorable Marion Blakey, President & CEO, AIA

Mr. Pete Bunce, President & CEO, GAMA

Mr. David Logsdon, Executive Director, Space Enterprise Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

### Academia Panel

Professor Bob Twiggs, Stanford University

Dr. Thomas Zurbuchen, University of Michigan

Dr. Claude Canizares, MIT

## Government Panel

Mr. Joseph Rouge, Director, National Security Space Office

The Honorable Matthew Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Mr. John Hall, Director, Export Controls, NASA

Mr. Robert Kovac, Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State

#### Media Panel

Mr. Tony Velocci, McGraw Hill

Mr. Lon Rains, Space News

A copy of the resolution and testimony will be available on the ASA Website www.aerostates.org.

ASA is a bi-partisan organization representative of the grass roots of American aerospace. It is a scientific and educational organization of Lieutenant Governors and Governor-appointed delegates. ASA was formed to promote a state-based perspective in federal aerospace policy development and to support state aerospace initiatives that enhance student/teacher education outreach and economic development opportunities. Currently chaired by Brian Dubie, Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, ASA maintains direct ties to the executive branches of state governments throughout the nation.